

**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 23, 2005  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the San Diego Association of Governments, Board Room, San Diego, CA.

Members Present: Joseph E. Petrillo, Chair  
Marc Adelman, Vice Chair  
Fran Florez, Vice Chair  
Rod Diridon, Sr.  
Lynn Schenk

Members Absent: Donna Lee Andrews, Vice Chair  
Bob Giroux  
T.J. Stapleton

**Opening Comments**

Vice-Chair Adelman and Member Schenk welcomed the audience to San Diego and thanked San Diego Association of Governments for hosting the meeting.

**Members Reports**

Member Diridon reported on the efforts of HSGTA in securing matching funds from the federal government. Over the next six months to a year HSGTA will be transitioning into APTA where it will become a major department of APTA. APTA will be assuming more responsibility for advocating high-speed rail on a national level.

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Morshed reported that the Governors proposal on the reorganization and elimination of the High-Speed Rail Authority has been withdrawn.

Executive Director Morshed reported that the Authority has requested Senator Feinstein and Congressman Costa to request \$1.5 million in federal funds next year.

The Authority has been asked to testify before the Assembly Transportation Committee next week during their orientation hearing.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings:**

Chair Petrillo presented the minutes from the January 26, 2005 meeting for approval. Member Diridon moved to approve the minutes, Member Schenk seconded, which carried 5-0.

### **Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation**

Chair Petrillo presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Diridon moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation, Vice-Chair Adelman seconded the, which carried 5-0.

### **Implementation Plan Workshop**

The Authority conducted a workshop with various experts in high-speed rail, planning & design, construction, transportation, labor and government to discuss the implementation of the high-speed train system in California. Copies of the materials provided at the workshop are available on the Authority's website [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov).

### **Public Comment**

#### **Sandor Shapery**

Mr. Shapery suggested that a maglev system would better suit the needs of the Los Angeles-San Diego region and would have a higher ridership than the HST system. Mr. Shapery proposed to put the LA-Riverside-San Diego alignment on hold so the region could investigate the possibility of implementing a maglev system for the region.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.**